IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1.   (Currently Amended) An operations management policy distributing method for a computer network system having a plurality of <u>computers</u>~~clients~~, comprising:

upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a ~~client~~ <u>computer</u> to be managed, retrieving from a database, operations management policies corresponding to the specified inventory and creating a policy list detailing operations management policies suited to the inventory specified by said inventory information;

sending back the created policy list to a manager;

upon receiving selection information indicating the selection by the manager of at least one operations management policy from said created policy list, retrieving from said database, the operations management policy specified by said selection information; and

transmitting the retrieved operations management policy to the ~~client~~ <u>computer</u> to be managed.

2.   (Previously Presented) An operations management policy distributing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

appropriately storing said inventory information in a database; and

extracting a difference between said inventory information and the inventory information stored in said database when said inventory information is received,

wherein said step of creating a policy list, retrieves from said database and creates a policy list suited to the inventory specified by said difference.

3.   (Currently Amended) An operations management policy distributing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

appropriately storing in a database usage frequencies of the operations management policies applied to said ~~client~~ <u>computer</u> to be managed; and

appending the usage frequencies stored in said database to each of the operations management policies detailed in said policy list.

4. (Currently Amended) An operations management policy distributing method according to claim 3, wherein said usage frequency comprises: the number of references, the operating time and the number of applications of each of the operations management policies applied to said ~~client~~computer to be managed.

5. (Currently Amended) An operations management policy distributing method for a computer network system having a plurality of ~~clients~~computers, comprising:

upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a ~~client~~computer to be managed, retrieving from a database, operations management policies corresponding to the specified inventory and acquiring operations management policies suited to the inventory specified by said inventory information; and

sending back the acquired operations management policies to the computer~~client~~.

6. (Previously Presented) An operations management policy distributing method according to claim 5, further comprising:

setting for each operations management policy whether or not a deletion is allowable,

wherein said step of acquiring said operations management policies necessarily acquires those operations management policies set as non-deletable policies regardless of their usage frequency.

7. (Currently Amended) An operations management policy distributing apparatus for a computer network system having a plurality of ~~clients~~computers, comprising:

a database storing operations management policies corresponding to various inventories;

list creating means for, upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a ~~client~~computer to be managed, retrieving policies from said database and creating a policy list detailing operations management policies suited to the inventory specified by said inventory information;

list transmission means for transmitting the policy list created by said list creating means to a manager;

policy retrieving means for, upon receiving selection information indicating the selection by the manager of at least one operations management policy from said policy list, retrieving from said database the operations management policy specified by said selection information; and

policy transmission means for transmitting the operations management policy ~~acquired~~ retrieved by said policy retrieving means to the ~~client~~ computer to be managed.

8.　　(Currently Amended) An operations management policy distributing apparatus for a computer network system having a plurality of ~~clients~~computers, comprising:

a database storing operations management policies corresponding to various inventories;

policy retrieving means for, upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a ~~client~~computer to be managed, retrieving from said database, operations management policies suited to the inventory specified by said inventory information; and

policy transmission means for transmitting the operations management policies retrieved by said policy retrieving means to the ~~client~~computer to be managed.

9.　　(Currently Amended) A computer readable storage for controlling a computer, comprising an operations management policy distributing program for a computer network system having a plurality of ~~clients~~computers, for executing on a computer and comprising:

a list creating function for, upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a ~~client~~computer to be managed, retrieving from a database, storing operations management policies corresponding to the specified inventory and creating a policy list detailing operations management policies suited to the inventory specified by said inventory information;

a list transmission function for transmitting the policy list created by said list creating function to a manager;

a policy retrieving function for, upon receiving selection information indicating the selection by the manager of at least one operations management policy from said policy list, retrieving from said database, the operations management policy specified by said selection information; and

a policy transmission function for transmitting the operations management policy retrieved by said policy retrieving function to the ~~client~~computer to be managed.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage for controlling a computer, comprising an operations management policy distributing program for a computer network system having a plurality of ~~clients~~ computers, ~~for executing on a computer and~~and causing the computer to execute a process comprising:

a policy acquiring function for, upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a ~~client~~ computer to be managed, retrieving from a database, storing operations management policies corresponding to the specified inventory and acquiring a policy list detailing operations management policies suited to the inventory specified by said inventory information; and

a policy transmission function for transmitting the operations management policies acquired by said policy acquiring function.

11. (Withdrawn – currently amended) An operations management policy distributing method for a computer network system having a plurality of ~~clients~~ computers, comprising:

receiving a configuration based upon one of hardware and software from each ~~client~~computer to be managed;

retrieving from a database, operations management policies suited to each configuration and creating policy lists detailing operations management policies suited each configuration;

providing the created policy lists to a manager of the computer network system for a selection of one ~~policies~~ policy for each ~~client~~computer to be managed, wherein the manager is provided with a policy rating based upon a number of ~~clients~~computers operating under the corresponding policy, overall operation time of the corresponding policy among the plurality of ~~clients~~computers, and a number of applications of the corresponding policy ~~running on the client to be managed~~;

upon receiving the selection from the manager, retrieving from the database, the operations management policy specified by the selection; and

sending the retrieved operations management policy to each ~~client~~computer to be managed.